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Attorney Docket No. 03554/LH**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): K. NAKATA et al.

Serial No. : 10/660,074

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For : CAMERA WITH AN EXPOSURE CONTROL
FUNCTION

Art Unit : 2851

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
March 17, 2004, the term for response to which expires on
April 17, 2004.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-8 and 10-19,
for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits
now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully
responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

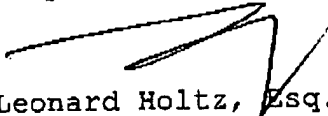
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consider this as a Petition
for the requisite extension of
time, and to the extent not
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hereto, authorization to
charge the extension fee to
Account No. 06-1378.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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